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**Pamela S. Hollis**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: June 14, 1954  
Education: Illinois 1976 BS; Loyola Marymount 1979 JD  
Began Service: January 27, 2003  
Term Expires: January 2017

**Corporate:** Principal, Digital Lawyer Ltd.**Judicial:** Member, American Bar Association**Legal Practice:** Partner, Hollis and Johnson; Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP; Law Office of Pamela Hollis**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; The Florida Bar; National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees**Staff**

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Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: January 1957  
Education: Brown 1979 AB; Northwestern 1982 JD  
Began Service: February 3, 2003  
Term Expires: February 2, 2017

**Government:** Assistant Attorney General, Civil Appeals Division, Office of the Attorney General, State of Illinois (1995-2003); Supervising Attorney, Civil Appeals Division, Office of the Attorney General, State of Illinois (1997-2003)**Legal Practice:** Keck, Mahin & Cate (1982-1995)**Nonprofit:** President, Illinois Appellate Lawyers Association (2001-2002)**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; American Bar Association; Appellate Lawyers Association; The Chicago Bar Association; The Seventh Circuit Bar Association, Federal Bar Association; Illinois State Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges**Staff**

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**Jacqueline P. Cox**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Education: Cornell 1971 BA; Boston U 1974 JD  
Began Service: February 3, 2003  
Term Expires: February 2, 2017

**Government:** Defense Attorney, Office of the Public Defender, County of Mercer, New Jersey (1976-1977); Defense Attorney, Office of the State's Attorney, County of Cook, Illinois (1978-1984); Attorney, Law Department, City of Chicago, Illinois (1984-1988); Attorney, Law Department, Housing Authority, City of Chicago, Illinois (1988)**Judicial:** Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois (1988-2003); Judge, 1st Municipal District, Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Association of Black Women Lawyers of Chicago, Inc.; The Chicago Bar Association; Chicago Council of Lawyers; Cook County Bar Association; Illinois Judges Association; Illinois Judicial Council; Illinois State Bar Association; Board of Directors, Just the Beginning Foundation; Lawyers Club of Chicago; National Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Women's Bar Association of Illinois**Staff**

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**John D. Schwartz**  
Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Education: Chicago 1950 JD  
Began Service: November 2, 1984

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice (1952-1954); Master-in-Chancery, Circuit Court, County of Cook, Illinois (1963)**Legal Practice:** Private Practice**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; American College of Bankruptcy; The Chicago Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Lawyers Club of Chicago; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges**Staff**

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**William V. Altenberger**  
Bankruptcy Judge (visiting)

Date of Birth: 1935  
Education: Illinois 1957 BS, 1963 LLB

**Affiliation:** Bankruptcy Judge (recalled), Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge (recalled) William V. Altenberger, United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois; Bankruptcy Judge (visiting), Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge (visiting) William V. Altenberger, United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois**Judicial:** Bankruptcy Judge (visiting), United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Indiana**Legal Practice:** Kavanagh, Scully, Sudow, White & Frederick (1964-1985)**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1957-1960)**United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois**

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**David R. Herndon**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1953  
Education: Southern IL Edwardsville 1974 BA; Southern Illinois 1977 JD  
Began Service: November 16, 1998  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Judicial:** Judge, Illinois Circuit Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Madison County (1991-1998)**Legal Practice:** Law Clerk then Trial Attorney, L. Thomas Lakin, Attorney at Law (1976-1978); Trial Attorney, Haley, Frederickson, Walsh and Herndon, P.C. (1978-1980); Shareholder/Principal and Trial Attorney, Lakin and Herndon, P.C. (and predecessor firms) (1980-1991)**Current Memberships:** Alton-Wood River Jerseyville Bar Association; American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Federal Judges Association; Illinois State Bar Association; Madison County Bar Association; The Missouri Bar Association**Staff**

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**J. Phil Gilbert**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
Education: Illinois 1971 BS; Loyola (Chicago) 1974 JD  
Began Service: October 1, 1992  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Government:** Special Assistant Attorney General, Public Aid Enforcement Division (1974-1975); Assistant City Attorney, City of Carbondale, Illinois (1975-1978); Member, State Board of Elections, State of Illinois (1978-1987)**Judicial:** Judge, Illinois Circuit Court, First Judicial Circuit (1988-1992)**Legal Practice:** Partner, Gilbert & Gilbert (1974-1983); Partner, Gilbert, Kimmel, Huffman & Prosser (1983-1988)**Current Memberships:** Illinois State Bar Association; Jackson County Bar Association

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